

**Amendment to the Specification**

Amend paragraph [0069] to read as follows:

[0069] The flexibility of the strategy was also demonstrated by the polymerization of the initiator-modified SAv with other monomers such as poly(ethylene glycol) methyl ether methacrylate. In particular, conjugates containing poly(ethylene glycol) methyl ether methacrylate (PEGMA) and SAv initiator (1.0 mg) (PEGMA/total initiator  $\approx$  40:1) were formed in the presence of sacrificial initiator (Figure 15, Column E). This is of interest because of the utility ~~fo~~ of the conjugate in drug delivery systems and protein-repellent materials.